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Open house on proposed changes to Historic Preservation Ordinance

The city of Boulder's Historic Preservation office is hosting an open house to get feedback from the public on proposed changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Municipal Building Lobby, 1777 Broadway. The draft ordinance will be available for public review by Friday, Oct. 14, at www.ci.boulder.co.us/buildingservices/historicpres/designation_changes.htm. For more information, contact Chris Meschuk at (303) 441-4293 or meschukc@ci.boulder.co.us.

Boulder Transit Village area plan meeting

Concepts and ideas for the Boulder Transit Village (BTV) area, that were presented at a "future visioning" meeting last month, will be discussed at a public meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, at the West Senior Center, 909 Arapahoe Ave.

Designers from Coburn Development, OZ Architects, Wolffe Lyon Architects, Van Meter Williams Pollack Architecture and Winston Associates will present maps, diagrams and three dimensional graphic models illustrating alternative concepts for the Boulder Transit Village area. "Next steps" in the planning process will also be discussed. There will be an opportunity for public input and review.

The Transit Village area is the 450-acre area around the proposed RTD and FastTracks regional transportation facilities and Twenty Ninth Street development. It is bordered by Valmont Road on the north, Arapahoe Avenue on the south, and Foothills Highway and 28th Street on the east and west.

To register for the meeting or request child care or translation services, go to the Transit Village Web site at www.bouldertransitvillage.net or call (303) 441-3229. Information about past meetings as well as the BTV Plan Scrapbook can also be found on the Web site. For more information, call Louise Grauer at (303) 441-3134.

Municipal Court closed until 1 p.m. on Friday

The Boulder Municipal Court will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, for a staff meeting. The Municipal Court is located in the Boulder County Justice Center at 1777 6th Street. The court closes the second Friday of each month for a staff meeting. Regular hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teen art contest offered at Library

The Boulder Public Library seeks entries in a statewide, teens-only contest to create poster and bookmark artwork for the 2006 teen summer reading program. The theme for the program is "Lost!" Colorado artists in grades six through 12 are eligible to interpret the theme in any way they find appropriate. Winning artwork will be distributed in Colorado schools and libraries next spring. Entries must be received by Friday, Oct. 21. Information about size and material requirements and the entry form for the bookmark are online at www.aclin.org/~cyaal/srp2006/bookmarkcontest.pdf. Information and the entry form for the poster is at www.aclin.org/~cyaal/srp2006/postercontest.pdf. For details, call the Library Youth Services Desk at (303) 441-3099.

Rebate of property taxes available

Property owners within the Central Area General Improvement District (CAGID) who provide their own parking spaces free of charge may receive a rebate on property taxes paid to CAGID. CAGID rebate applications for 2004 (taxes paid in 2005) have been mailed to all CAGID property owners. All applications must be returned by October 21, 2005 to City of Boulder, DUHMD/Parking Services, 1500 Pearl, Suite 302, Boulder, CO 80302. For more information or to obtain an application, call Parking Services at (303) 413-7300.

City seeks recycling feedback through a traveling suggestion box

The city of Boulder is seeking community feedback on the draft Master Plan for Waste Reduction. A waste reduction display and survey box will travel to various locations throughout the city.

Feedback can be provided at the following locations:

- West Senior Center , 909 Arapahoe Ave. through Monday, Oct. 17;
- Municipal building lobby, 1777 Broadway, at the draft Waste Reduction Master Plan open house from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18; and
- East Boulder Recreation Center , 5660 Sioux Drive , on Oct. 19, where it will remain through the end of the month.

The city of Boulder has a goal to divert 50 percent of the community's waste from the landfill. The draft Master Plan for Waste Reduction poses the questions, "Can we go further by recycling and reusing more of our waste?" and "Can the Boulder community get to Zero Waste (or darn near)?"

For a copy of the plan and more community outreach opportunities, visit www.environmentalaffairs.com. For questions, contact Kara Mertz at mertzka@ci.boulder.co.us or (303) 441-3004.

Boulder Public Library selected for "Frankenstein" national traveling exhibition

The Boulder Public Library is one of 80 libraries from across the U.S. selected to host "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibition that highlights Mary Shelley's life and the evolution of her classic novel, Frankenstein, since its publication in 1818.

The six-week exhibition will open at the Main Library on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office organized the traveling exhibition and tour with major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Library of Medicine. For more information, contact Carol Heepke at (303) 441-3196 or heepkec@boulder.lib.co.us.

Wood fire kiln building workshop scheduled

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Pottery Lab and the University of Colorado present a wood fire kiln building workshop Oct. 15 – 23 with Nancy Utterback, pottery program coordinator for the city Parks and Recreation Department and Master Kiln builder Jim Cooper.

Participants can expect to come away with a good understanding of the basics of wood kiln design, construction and firing. Register for the entire week or for a weekend option at www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation. For questions about the workshop, call (303) 441-3446 or e-mail Nancy Utterback at utterbackn@ci.boulder.co.us.

Parks and Recreation co-sponsoring wheelchair rugby festival

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department's EXPAND program for people with disabilities is co-sponsoring a wheelchair rugby festival with the U.S. Quad Rugby Association and Blaze Sports on Friday, Oct. 14, through Sunday, Oct. 16, at the East Boulder Community Center , 5660 Sioux Drive . For festival times, visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation. The festival is for intermediate to advanced athletes with mobility impairment in at least three of their extremities. Athletes must be able to propel a manual chair and cognitively follow directions. Instruction will be done by U.S.A. paralympic rugby team coaches and elite high performance athletes and will focus on game fundamentals, advanced skills and strategies.

To register, visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation/econnect or call the registration office at (303) 413-7270 and register for course code 89595. Fee is \$20 for city residents, \$25 for non residents. For more information about this program, including recommended equipment, visit

www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation or call Jennifer Huston, Parks and Recreation Department, at (303) 441-4947 or e-mail hustonj@ci.boulder.co.us.

Free 10-punch admission card for Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Boulder County

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to offer a free 10-punch admission card to any Hurricane Katrina evacuee who has relocated to Boulder County. This card grants admission to the three municipal recreation centers and Boulder Reservoir.

To receive the card, bring a photo ID, with address of permanent residence as proof of eligibility, to the Parks and Recreation administrative office, 3198 Broadway, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This offer is valid through Nov. 11. For more information, call (303) 413-7200.

Parks and Recreation seeking input for Master Plan survey

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a survey online at www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation to receive input on the department's 2005 Master Plan.

City residents are encouraged to provide feedback on priorities for park and recreation services in the coming years. Information on master plan meetings and process will also be posted.